

## Appropriation: Range Improvements

### APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE SHEET

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43 U.S.C. 1751  
43 U.S.C. 1901  
7 U.S.C. 1010  
E.O. 10046; 10175; 10234; 10322; 10787; 10890  
30 U.S.C. 355  
7 U.S.C. 2814  
P.L. 106-291

**Section 401 of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1751), as amended by the Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978 (43 U.S.C. 1901-1905),** provides that 50 percent of all moneys received by the U.S. as fees for grazing domestic livestock on public land under the *Taylor Grazing Act* (43 U.S.C. 315) and the *Act of August 28, 1937* (43 U.S.C. 1181d) shall be credited to a separate account in the Treasury and made available for the purpose of on-the-ground range rehabilitation, protection, and improvements, including, but not limited to, seeding and reseeding, fence construction, weed control, water development, and fish and wildlife habitat enhancement.

**7 U.S.C. 1010 (the Bankhead Jones Farm Tenant Act of 1937),** provides that the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to develop a program of land conservation and utilization in order to correct maladjustments in land use, and thus assist in controlling soil erosion, conducting reforestation, preserving natural resources, protecting fish and wildlife, developing and protecting recreational facilities, mitigating floods, preventing impairment of dams and reservoirs, conserving surface and subsurface moisture, protecting the watersheds of navigable streams, and protecting the public land, health, safety, and welfare; but not to build industrial parks or establish private industrial or commercial enterprises.

**Executive Orders 10046, et al.,** provide that land under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture under the provision of §32 of the *Bankhead Jones Farm Tenant Act* is transferred from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of the Interior for use, administration, or exchange under the applicable provisions of the Taylor Grazing Act.

**30 U.S.C. 355,** provides that all mineral leasing receipts derived from leases issued under the authority of the *Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947* shall be paid into the same

funds or accounts in the Treasury and shall be distributed in the same manner as prescribed for other receipts from the lands affected by the lease. The intention is that this act shall not affect the distribution of receipts pursuant to legislation applicable to such lands.

***Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974, as amended (7 U.S.C. 2814)***, provides for the designation of a lead office and person trained in the management of undesirable plants; establishes and funds an undesirable plant management program; completes and implements cooperative agreements with State agencies; and establishes integrated management systems to control undesirable plant species.

***The Annual Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts***, provide that a minimum amount is appropriated, that the appropriation shall remain available until expended, and that a maximum of \$600,000 is available from this appropriation for BLM administrative expenses.

Under the provisions of the ***Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990***, this account is classified as a current, mandatory account.

***P.L. 107-63 Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act of 2002.***

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## AUTHORIZATIONS

***The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, (43 U.S.C. 1751)***

Provides that 50 percent of grazing fees are authorized to be appropriated for range betterment. Half the appropriated amount is to be spent within the same BLM district which generated the grazing receipts; the remaining half may be utilized as the Secretary directs.

***The Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947 (30 U.S.C. 355)***

Provides that "all receipts derived from leases issued under the authority of this chapter shall be paid into the same funds or accounts in the Treasury and shall be distributed in the same manner as prescribed for other receipts from the lands affected by the lease, the intent of this provision being that this chapter shall not affect the distribution of receipts pursuant to legislation applicable to such lands . . ."

***The Taylor Grazing Act of 1934, as amended, (43 U.S.C. 315)***

Provides for active management of public rangelands including regulation of livestock grazing and improvement of the productive capability of the public range.

***The Public Rangelands Improvement Act of 1978 (43 U.S.C. 1901- 1905)***

Provides for improving the condition of the public rangelands and provides authorization for an appropriation of \$10,000,000 per annum or 50 per centum of all moneys received as fees for grazing, whichever is greater, notwithstanding the level of grazing fees collected.

***The Farm Tenant Act of 1937 (Bankhead Jones Act) (7 U.S.C. 1010, 1012-1013A)***

Provides for management of acquired farm tenant lands and construction and maintenance of range improvements.

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***Executive Order No. 12548***

Provides for establishment of appropriate fees for the grazing of domestic livestock on public rangelands. It also provides that the fee shall not be less than \$1.35 per animal unit month.

**SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS (\$000)**

Comparison by Activity/ Subactivity	2002 Actual		2003 Estimate		Uncontrollable & Related Changes (+/-)		Program Changes (+/-)		2004 Budget Request		Inc(+) / Dec(-) from 2003	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Range Improve- ments	57	10,000	58	10,000	0	0	0	0	58	10,000	0	0
Public Lands Improvement	51	7,873	51	7,873	0	0	0	0	51	7,873	0	0
Farm Tenant Act Lands Improvement	6	1,527	7	1,527	0	0	0	0	7	1,527	0	0
Administrative Expenses	0	600	0	600	0	0	0	0	0	600	0	0

## Activity: Range Improvements

### ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Subactivity		2002 Actual Amount	2003 Estimate Amount	Uncontroll e & Related Changes (+/-) Amount	Program Changes (+/-) Amount	2004 Budget Request Amount	Inc(+) Dec(-) from 2003 Amount
Public Lands Improvement	\$	7,873	7,873	0	0	7,873	0
	FTE	51	51	0	0	51	0
Farm Tenant Act Lands Improvement	\$	1,527	1,527	0	0	1,527	0
	FTE	6	7	0	0	7	0
Administrative Expenses	\$	600	600	0	0	600	0
	FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Dollars</b>	\$	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>
	FTE	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>

### ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

The Range Improvements activity supports the Resource Use and Resource Protection mission goals from the Department's Draft Strategic Plan by managing or influencing forage resources to enhance public benefit, promote responsible use, and ensure optimal value. A key intermediate outcome measure of performance includes increasing the percent of permitted acres maintained at appropriate land, water and air standards. Primary output measures of performance includes constructing and maintaining rangeland and forest ecosystem improvements. In 2004, the Bureau will focus efforts on identified high priority watersheds to maximize the potential for overall improvement and protection of these watersheds. This activity includes all facets of managing range improvements on public lands, including project planning, engineering and design, construction; and project



*An example of a project constructed with Rangeland Improvement funds is the Crescent Valley guzzler (a device that collects, stores, and delivers water) in Nevada. Rangeland and wildlife habitat managers long ago realized that development of reliable water sources is one of the most cost effective improvements that can be made to rangeland and forest ecosystems. These improvements provide benefits to both grazing animals and wildlife.*

monitoring. Improving the vegetation, habitat conditions, and health of public rangeland ecosystems will benefit livestock, fish and wildlife habitat, riparian values, watershed protection, and other resource values.

The Bureau also modifies, removes, or makes additions to rangeland projects where resource conditions or new information indicates this is needed. The rangeland improvement policy encourages private parties and other beneficiaries to contribute funds toward improving rangeland conditions and shifts project maintenance responsibilities to the benefiting user. The Bureau continues to be responsible for maintenance of land treatments and certain structural improvements such as reservoirs and water developments requiring specialized equipment.

Range improvements include on-the-ground improvements such as vegetation projects, fencing, and wildlife-livestock water developments that have been recommended in activity plans. Projects are initiated within priority watersheds, riparian areas, and integrated weed management programs. Lands not meeting management objectives are given special emphasis.

### 2002 PROGRAM PERFORMANCE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2002, the Bureau focused funding efforts on identified high priority watersheds to maximize the potential for overall improvement and protection of these watersheds. This table contains a list of outputs funded by this activity. At the time of this report not all units of accomplishments had been reported.

Project Activity	Unit	2002 Accomplishment
Soil Stabilization & Improvement		
Brush Management	Acres	153,994
Seeding/Planting	Acres	124,234
Soil Stabilization	Acres	112,368
Weed Control	Acres	36,073
Water Management		
Pipeline Projects	Number	20
Reservoirs	Number	124
Springs	Number	129
Water Catchments	Number	25
	Gallons	134,600
Water Wells	Number	43
Storage Facilities	Number	18
	Gallons	40,000
Program Facilities		
Cattleguards	Number	69
Fences	Miles	625

## 2003 PROGRAM PERFORMANCE ESTIMATES

In 2003, the Bureau will continue to focus funding efforts on identified high priority watersheds to maximize the potential for overall improvement and protection of these watersheds. Project planning, engineering and design, construction; and project monitoring will be the primary emphases to improving vegetation habitat conditions and health of public rangeland to benefit livestock, fish and wildlife habitat, riparian values, watershed protection, and other resource values.

### RANGELAND IMPROVEMENTS PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

DOI Strategic Goal: Resource Use						
End Outcome Goal: Manage or influence resource use to enhance public benefit, promote responsible use, and ensure optimal value -- forage.						
End Outcome Measures:	2001 Actual	2002 Plan	2002 Actual	2003 Plan	2004 Proposed	Change in Performance (2003 to 2004)
The Rangeland Improvement Program supports the end outcome measures described in the Rangeland Management Performance Summary.						
Intermediate Outcome Goal 2: Enhance responsible use management practices.						
Intermediate Outcome Measures:	2001 Actual	2002 Plan	2002 Actual	2003 Plan	2004 Proposed	Change in Performance (2003 to 2004)
The Rangeland Improvement Program supports the intermediate outcome measures described in the Rangeland Management Performance Summary.						



**RANGELAND IMPROVEMENTS PERFORMANCE SUMMARY****Strategic Goal: Resource Protection**

**End Outcome Goal: Sustain biological communities on DOI managed and influenced lands and waters in a manner consistent with obligations regarding the allotment and use of water.**

<b>End Outcome Measures:</b>	2001 Actual	2002 Plan	2002 Actual	2003 Plan	2004 Proposed	Change in Performance (2003 to 2004)
The Rangeland Improvement Program supports the end outcome measures described in the Rangeland Management Performance Summary.						

**Intermediate Outcome Goal 1: Create habitat conditions for biological communities to flourish.**

<b>Intermediate Outcome Measures:</b>	2001 Actual	2002 Plan	2002 Actual	2003 Plan	2004 Proposed	Change in Performance (2003 to 2004)
The Rangeland Improvement Program supports the end outcome measures described in the Rangeland Management Performance Summary.						

<b>Primary Outputs funded by this subactivity:</b>	2001 Actual	2002 Plan	2002 Actual	2003 Plan	2004 Proposed	Change in Performance (2003 to 2004)
Inventory for Presence of Invasive and/or Noxious weeds (acres).	0	12500	12800	0	0	0
Apply Shrub/Grassland Vegetation Treatments (acres).	30,000	59,000	52,000	50,000	50,000	0
Construct Shrub, Grassland, Woodland, Forest Projects (number).	380	460	515	400	400	0
Maintain Shrub, Grassland, Woodland, Forest Projects (number).	230	290	400	200	200	0
Apply Weed Treatments (acres).	4,300	3,800	4,000	4,000	4,000	0
Construct Lake/Wetland/Stream/Riparian Projects (number).	40	15	15	10	10	0
Maintain Lake/Wetland/Stream/Riparian Projects (number).	190	180	235	170	170	0
Evaluate Weed Treatments (acres).	3,200	1,000	1,000	0	0	0

## Budget Schedules

### SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS OF BUDGET AUTHORITY BY OBJECT CLASS (MILLION \$)

Object Class	2003 Request		Uncontrollable & Related Changes		Program Changes		2004 Request	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
11.1 Full-Time Permanent		2		0		0		2
12.1 Civilian personnel benefits		1		0		0		1
22.0 Transportation of Things		2		0		0		2
25.2 Other Services		2		0		0		2
32.0 Lands & Structures		3		0		0		3
<b>99.9 Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>10</b>

### PROGRAM AND FINANCING (MILLION \$)

Identification code: 14-5132-0-2-302		2002 actual	2003 request	2004 estimate
Obligations by program activity:				
00.01	Improvement to public land	8	7	8
00.02	Farm tenant act lands	1	1	1
00.03	Administrative expenses	0	1	1
10.00	Total obligations	9	9	10
Budgetary resources available for obligation:				
21.40	Un-obligated balance carried forward, start of year	5	8	8
22.00	New budget authority (gross)	10	10	10
23.90	Total budgetary resources available for obligations	15	18	18
23.95	New obligations	-9	-9	-10
24.40	Un-obligated balance carried forward, end of year	8	8	8
New budget authority (gross), detail:				
Mandatory				
60.00	Appropriation	2	2	2
60.20	Appropriation (special fund)	8	8	8
62.50	Appropriation (total mandatory)	10	10	10

Identification code: 14-5132-0-2-302		2002 actual	2003 request	2004 estimate
Change in obligated balances:				
72.40	Obligated balance, start of year	3	3	3
73.10	Total new obligations	9	9	10
73.20	Total outlays (gross)	-10	-10	-10
74.40	Obligated balance, end of year	3	3	3
Outlays (gross), detail:				
86.97	Outlays from new mandatory authority	7	7	7
86.98	Outlays from mandatory balances	3	3	3
87.00	Total outlays (gross)	10	10	10
Net budget authority and outlays:				
89.00	Budget authority	10	10	10
90.00	Outlays	9	10	10

**OBJECT CLASSIFICATION (MILLION \$)**

Identification code: 14-5132-0-2-302		2002 actual	2003 request	2004 estimate
Direct obligations:				
11.1	Personnel compensation: Full-time permanent	2	2	2
12.1	Civilian personnel benefits	1	0	0
22.0	Transportation of Things	0	2	2
25.2	Other Services	3	2	3
26.0	Supplies and materials	2	0	0
32.0	Land and structures	1	3	3
99.99	Total new obligations	9	9	10

**PERSONNEL SUMMARY**

Identification code: 14-5132-0-2-302		2002 actual	2003 request	2004 estimate
Direct program:				
10.01	Civilian full-time equivalent employment	57	58	58
10.09	FTE inherently governmental (civilian)	40	41	41
10.19	FTE commercial (civilian)	17	17	17

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